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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 June 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,6-10,12,13,16-20,23-27,29,30 and 33-39 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,6-10,12,13,16-20,23-27,29,30 and 33-39 is/are rejected.

- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This is the initial Office Action based on the 10/595964 application filed May 9, 2007. Claims 1-3, 6-10, 12, 13, 16-20, 23-27, 29, 30, and 33-39 as amended and newly presented June 25, 2010 are currently pending and considered below.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on June 25, 2010 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-3, 6-10, 12, 13, 16-20, 23-27, 29, 30, and 33-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

4. Regarding independent claims 1, 19, and 34, the limitation "each said active electromagnetic field portion including an electromagnetic field packet having a plurality of generally rectangular magnetic field pulses having a duration of between 25us and

100ms delivered at a frequency of between 1 Hz and 100 Hz" is unclear. With the successive listing of portions contained within portions, the examiner can not discern which element(s) have a duration of between 25us and 100ms and which element(s) are delivered at a frequency of between 1 Hz and 100 Hz. As best understood by the examiner by giving the claim its most literal reading, both the duration limitation and the frequency limitation are intended to refer to the "generally rectangular magnetic field pulses."

5. Claims 1, 19, and 34 recite the limitation "the inactive field portion" in the claims. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. The examiner is unsure as to whether the "inactive field portion" is the same or different from the "inactive electromagnetic field portion" or whether it is a part of the electromagnetic field packet or refers to a pulse portion.
6. Claims 3, 12, 20, and 29 recite the limitation "the energisation signal packet" in the claims. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
7. Claim 29 is dependent upon a cancelled claim.
8. Claims 2, 6-10, 13, 16-18, 23-27, 30, 33, and 35-39 are rejected for their dependency upon a rejected base claim.
9. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

10. Claims 1-3, 6-10, 12, 13, 16-20, 23-27, 29, 30, and 33-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Based on the interpretation of the phrase from claims 1, 19, 34 listed above, the examiner notes that the specification does not provide support for the limitation of the pulses being delivered at a frequency of between 10 and 100 Hz. The instant specification seems to only support the packets being delivered at the stated frequency, as shown on Page 7, lines 27-34.

11. Claims 2, 3, 6-10, 12, 13, 16-18, 20, 23-27, 29, 30, 33, and 35-39 are rejected for their dependency upon a rejected base claim.

Response to Arguments

12. Applicant's arguments with respect to the above claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

13. The examiner notes that, upon removal of the new matter from the claims of the application, the examiner will return to the original art and grounds of rejection presented in the Final Rejection dated December 8, 2009 and will address any pertinent arguments at that time.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VICTORIA P. CAMPBELL whose telephone number is (571)270-5035. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7-3.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nicholas Lucchesi can be reached on 571-272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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